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SUBJ: NOD' S

REF: AMMAN 721, MAP 294 MAR 73

1. DOD IS ENCOURAGING JORDANIAN MILATT WASHINGTON COL. ABU TALIB TO REQUEST VISIT TO FORT BELVOIR WHERE MUCH TESTING OF NOD' S IS CONDUCTED. DOD ALSO PROVIDING ABU TALIB LITERATURE ON FIRST AND SECOND GENERATION DEVICES NOW IN USE.

2. DEPTOFF CALLED VARO INDUSTRIES' FRANK DESMOND WHO VISITED AMMAN TO SHOW DEVICES. HE IS WILLING MAKE LOAN OF DEVICES REQUESTED MAP REFTEL. DOD COULD LOAN SUCH DEVICES ONLY BY WITHDRAWING THEM FROM ACTIVE DUTY UNITS, WHICH IS NOT RPT NOT DESIRABLE. YOU MAY PASS DESMOND' S OFFER TO BRIG. KHALDI.

3. DESMOND HAS URGED JAA PURCHASE PROVEN AND LESS SOPHISTICATED EXAMPLES OF NOD' S, MOSTLY FROM FIRST GENERATION EQUIPMENT. FROM POINT OF VIEW MAINTENANCE, LOW OVERALL COST AND PROBABLE JORDANIAN MISSION, THIS ADVICE SEEMS SOUND. ROGERS

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